

I am writing to express my opinion regarding relaxing the current regulations of media control. As an American citizen, I feel it is imperative that our airwaves, newspapers and television media outlets be as diverse as possible. The airwaves are publicly owned and should be used in service to the community. If regulations are further relaxed I fear that media consolidation will result in more generic programming coming from fewer and fewer sources. Corporations such as Clear Channel currently dominate the airwaves and they offer no diversity whatsoever. Clear Channel does not embrace diversity but instead airs programming that encourages violence against those citizens who have differing opinions. Right now in our country it is extremely difficult to find ANY diversity as one drives from city to city in this great country. Public airwaves have to be managed by local citizens discussing local topics and sharing local concerns. This will not happen if a handful of companies control all radio and television programming from a central office.

Please do not allow further relaxations of the current regulations of media ownership. It is a disservice to Americans and democracy in general to consider otherwise.